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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants respectfully request that the following Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the present application.

**In the Claims:**

Please add the following new claims.

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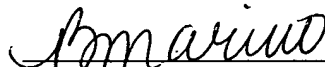
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, Group II – Claims 39 and 40, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition for neuropathy comprising a compound, classified in class 514, subclass 229.2.

The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any subject matter in the application. The right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims and species of the invention is reserved.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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